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SUBJ: IZVESTIYA'S TOLKUNOV ON US-SOVIET
COOPERATION (PART 2)

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1. SUMMARY. IZVESTIYA EDITOR-IN-CHIEF TOLKUNOV DEVOTES
SECOND ARTICLE ON US VISIT OF SOVIET PARLIAMENTARY
DELEGATION TO SUMMARY OF AMERICAN VIEWS ON ARMS LIMITATION
AND GENERAL PROSPECTS FOR US-SOVIET DETENTE. TOLKUNOV
FINDS GREAT DIVERSITY IN AMERICANS' VIEWS, BUT
CLEARLY CONCLUDES THAT EFFORTS TO MAP PROGRESS ON
LIMITING ARMS AND STRENGTHENING US-SOVIET COOPERATION
ENJOY SUPPORT OF AVERAGE AMERICAN AND BIPARTISSAN
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BACKING OF CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS. END SUMMARY.

2. TOLKUNOV SAYS TURN IN SOVIET-US RELATIONS FROM CONFRONTATION TO COOPERATION IS A "REAL FACT." QUESTION NOW IS HOW TO STRENGTHEN AND DEVELOP WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN ORDER TO MAKE DETENTE IRREVERSIBLE. IN ADDITION TO DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION (TREATED IN TOLKUNOV'S FIRST ARTICLE) SECOND REQUIREMENT IS PROGRESS IN MILITARY DETENTE. THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN FIRST STEPS (SALT I) BUT IT IS NECESSARY TO GO FURTHER. SALT II IS PLAYING A LARGE ROLE, AND AGREEMENT IN THIS "DELICATE AREA" WOULD OPEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS.

3. TURNING TO U.S. OPINION, TOLKUNOV SAYS THERE IS NO SINGLE OPINION IN CONGRESS ABOUT MILITARY DETENTE. BUT SOVIET PARLIAMENTARIANS GOT IMPRESSION THAT "MANY CONGRESSMEN ARE DISTURBED BY THE EXCESSIVE ACTIVITY OF THE PENTAGON AND ITS CHIEF SCHLESINGER." SPECIFICALLY, THE NEW TARGETING DOCTRINE PUT FORTH BY SCHLESINGER HAS EVOKED A STRONG NEGATIVE REACTION IN THE CONGRESS. (THIS DOCTRINE, ACCORDING TO TOLKUNOV, CHANGES VIEW OF NUCLEAR WAS FROM SOMETHING UNTHINKABLE TO SOMETHING ACCEPTABLE. IT ALMOST OPENLY PROCEEDS FROM IDEA THAT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS THE U.S. WOULD LAUNCH A FIRST STRIKE AGAINST SOVIET MISSILE SITES. IT ALSO ENVISIONS PRESERVATION OF US NUCLEAR SUPERIORITY.) DEFENSE BUDGET IS ALSO SOURCE OF CONCERN. EXPERTS HAVE PREDICTED A 100 PLUS BILLION DEFENSE BUDGET BY 1980 AND THEIR OPINION DOES NOT ACCEPT PENTAGON CLAIM THAT GROWTH IS CAUSED BY INFLATION.

4. THESE DEVELOPMENTS HAVE LED TO AN ACCELERATED DISCUSSION OF THE DEFENSE BUDGET. SUPPORTERS OF THE PENTAGON (GOLDWATER AND STENNIS) ARE DOING ALL THEY CAN TO PASS IT QUICKLY. HOWEVER, THIS HAS EVOKED SHARP DISCUSSION IN CONGRESS, AND AMONG OPPONENTS OF THE ARMS RACE ARE MANY INTELLIGENT MEN. PROXMIRE HAS CALLED PENTAGON CHIEF SOURCE OF INFLATION. CONGRESSMAN ASPIN ACCUSED PENTAGON OF SYSTEMATICALLY EXCEEDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLANNED EXPENDITURES. SENATORS KENNEDY AND MANSFIELD HAVE CALLED ON ADMINISTRATION TO ACHIEVE AN ABSOLUTE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF MISSILES IN TALKS WITH THE USSR.

5. AGAINST THESE VIEWS, TOLKUNOV SAYS, THERE STANDS A "MOTLEY COALITION" MADE UP OF CONSERVATIVE ANTI-COMMUNISTS, OPEN AND HIDDEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, REACTIONARY AFL-CIO
TRADE UNION LEADERS, INFLUENTIAL ZIONIST AND PRO-ISRAELI
ORGANIZATIONS, AND A NUMBER OF ORGANS OF THE PRESS.
THE PRESSE, ACCORDING TO TOLKUNOV, SUPPORTS THE OTHERS BY
MIXING IDEOLOGICAL WARFARE (THE STRUGGLE OF IDEAS) WITH
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE (STRUGGLE BETWEEN STATES) THROUGH
DISTORTION OF SOVIET REALITY AND CONCENTRATION ON SUCH
MATTERS AS SOVIET DISSIDENTS AND EMIGRATION. DESPITE
THIS CAMPAIGN, HOWEVER, TOLKUNOV SAYS THAT THERE
ARE SIGNS THAT POSITIVE CHANGES ARE OCCURRING IN THE MINDS
OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS.

6. THIS CHANGE, ACCORDING TO TOLKUNOV, WAS AFFIRMED BY
RECEPTION ACCORDED SOVIET PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION AND
SUPPORT PARLIAMENTARIANS FOUND FOR STRENGTHENING OF
SOVIET-US DETENTE AMONG LEADERS OF CONGRESS AND
ADMINISTRATION. TOLKUNOV REPORTS THAT GROUP
FOUND BACKING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CONTACTS AND
TALKS (HE MENTIONS SPEAKER ALBERT AND SENATOR SPARKMAN
SPECIFICALLY) AND MANY LEADERS SUPPORTED SUMMIT. IN
SENATE, MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS MANSFIELD
AND SCOTT (MEN KNOWN FOR THEIR REALISM) EXPRESSED
SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND
WHEN ASKED WHO WILL BE SELECTED FOR PRESIDENTIAL RACE
IN 1976 THEY SAID "WITHOUT DOUBT A MAN WHO WILL
CONTINUE THE POLICY OF DETENTE." RETURNING TO ARMS
LIMITATIONS TOLKUNOV ALSO REPORTS MANSFIELD AS SAYING
U.S. AND USSR CAN COOPERATE IN LIMITING ARMS.
AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT LIMITATION. MONEY SPENT ON A NEW,
DANGEROUS SPIRAL IN THE STRATEGIC ARMS RACE, WHICH
THREATENS TO DEVELOP IF WE DO NOT ACHIEVE AN AGREEMENT,
COULD BE USED TO IMPROVE US AND SOVIET STANDARDS OF
LIVING.

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8. TOLKUNOV CONCLUDES WITH SIMILARLY POSITIVE REPORT
ON DELEGATIONS' TALKS WITH VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT.
HE CITES FORD THAT HOPES ARE GROWING FOR STRENGTHENING
OF DETENTE AND GOVERNMENTS NOW UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER
BETTER THAN DO PEOPLE. FORD ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT
DESPITE PROBLEMS HE IS OPTIMIST AND BELIEVES PRESIDENT
AND BREZHNEV CAN CONTINUE COOPERATION. PRESIDENT IS
REPORTED AS TELLING DELEGATION IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO
SOLVE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS QUICKLY. IN MANY AREAS US
AND SOVIET INTERESTS COINCIDE. IN OTHERS THEY ARE
DIFFERENT. HOWEVER, IMPORTANT THING IS THAT
GOVERNMENTS FIND POINTS OF CONTACT. PRESIDENT AND
BREZHNEV AGREE THAT CONFRONTATION MUST BE AVOIDED.
OPPONENTS OF DETENTE DO NOT UNDERSTAND BASIC FACTS

AND IMPORTANT POINT THAT AS REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO
GREAT POWERS US AND USSR MEET AS EQUALS.
PRESIDENT IS REPORTED AS CONCLUDING THAT MAJORITY OF
AMERICANS WANT US-SOVIET DIALOGUE TO CONTINUE AND
WOULD LIKE TO SEE EARLY LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC
ARMS AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF ALL DISAGREEMENTS
BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIET UNION. AMERICANS ALSO DESIRE
COOPERATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS INCLUDING TRADE,
ENVIRONMENT, SPACE, ETC.
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